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COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS WEARING MASKS; CMC HAS TESTING ABILITY FOR VIRUS

Sheriff Hardesty, the Chairman, called to order the meeting of the Richardson County Board of Health at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. The meeting was primarily held by teleconference.

Attendees included Grant Brueggeman, Executive Director, SE NE Health Department; Kathy Messner, Clinical Care Mgt—Infection Control from the Community Medical Center; Brian Kirkendall, Richardson County EMA Director; County Attorney, Doug Merz; Duane Armbruster, Falls City Chief of Police and member of the Falls City Board of Health; Gary Jorn of the Falls City Ambulance squad; and (City Attorney) Mike Dunn, and Board of Health member for the City of Falls City.

Dr. Tramp expressed thanks to the citizens in Richardson County for doing all they can to practice the social distancing recommendations for the past several weeks.

Tramp said he still encourages people to wear masks if they're going to be around other people who are not family members, especially in stores and such.

"We're all very pleased with how everybody's responding," said Dr. Tramp.

Grant Brueggemann of the Southeast Nebraska Health Department provided an update on the coronavirus pandemic in Southeast Nebraska.

Four cases in Southeast District

As of meeting time, the Southeast District (of the State) has had four total cases, one (in) Otoe (County) that has recovered; one Nemaha (County) that has recovered; one in Johnson (County) that has recovered and another in Johnson (County) that is active according to Brueggemann (Bruggeman). He said that overall (in) the United States that those being tested (that) 10 percent have been positive. It was previously reported that the prediction of the highest

number of cases would be somewhere at the beginning of May and now has been moved.

Trend shows more cases to be in May in state

"I don't have anything that predicts our District. I can see a state prediction, and the trend line shows our highest incident of cases will be somewhere from the beginning to a couple of weeks into May, said Brueggemann.

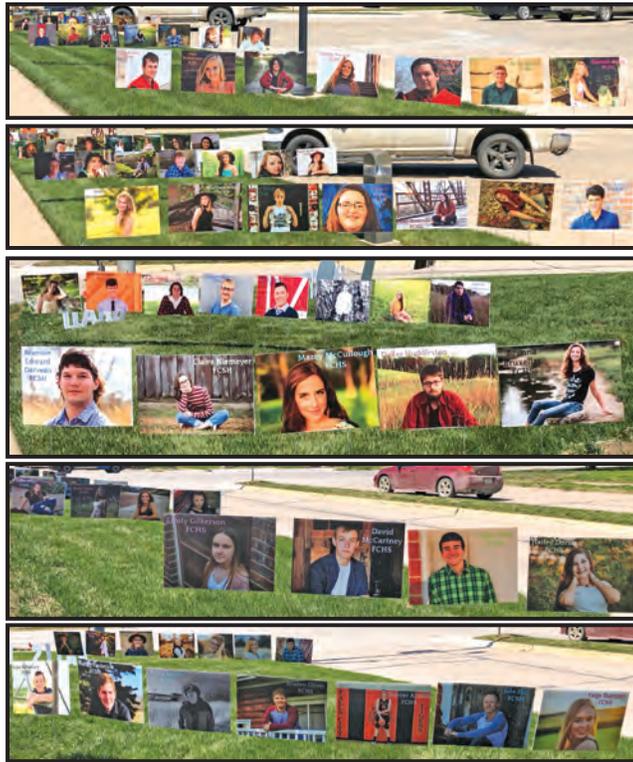
Brueggemann said some of the more recent concerns have been population and area (in the state) with businesses and facilities which are experiencing outbreaks such as meatpacking plants and industries of that nature.

"I bring that up to reiterate that while we're not experiencing much in our district right now, we still have all the same industries or industry types in our area, and we're potentially one case away from having to deal with an outbreak," said Brueggemann. "Not to cause alarm or start a panic, but just to ensure that we continue to stay vigilant even with talks from the Governor that they're maybe reopening parts of the state in the near future."

Masks recommended

Brueggemann said he recommends that if masks are avail-

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HONORING THE 2020 FALLS CITY GRADUATES: Falls City 2020 Senior parents bought yard signs and Julie Bauman allowed them to be displayed at her business at 21st and Harlan Street in Falls City. Parents from each school placed them for the community to see and honor their senior. On Saturday the seniors were told they could drive in to Bauman's lot and receive a goody bag in their car from parents.

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE EXTENDED AND HIRING BONUS TO BE PAID ALREADY CERTIFIED NE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

By: *Charlie Radatz*

After some technical problems, the regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Sichel at 9:25 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Caverzagie and Sichel answered roll call. Commissioner Frank arrived at the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Invocation was given, and Chairman Sichel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Sichel announced that the Open Meeting Laws were posted at the entrance to the meeting room and were available for public review on the Richardson County website, www.co.richardson.ne.us

The agenda was provided to the media and was posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor, all entrance doors at the Courthouse and on the Richardson County

website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

As he had done prior to the April 7th meeting that was also conducted by teleconference, Chairman Sichel made note that due to this meeting being offered through a teleconference that several ground rules would be followed to prevent participants from talking over one another.

The minutes of the April 7, 2020, meeting had been forwarded to the members for review, and the minutes were approved as presented. A motion was then made by Chairman Sichel to approve the agenda as posted, and that motion was also approved.

The motion was made by Caverzagie to continue the suspension of the public access at the Richardson County Courthouse due to the COVID-19 until May 5, 2020, when it will be opened at 8:00 a.m. and at that

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EDGE DIRECTOR REPORTS ON EMPLOYMENT, MERCANTILE EXPANSION, AND LAND ACQUISITION

By: *Charlie Radatz*

During the Mon., Apr. 20, meeting of the City Council Beckie Cromer, Executive Director of Falls City EDGE, reported that a confidential survey of local industries showed that most local industries are holding steady employment amid the Covina 19 virus pandemic. Mrs. Cromer said one of the industries is amid a two-week layoff of workers, which could be extended based on their end-use customer. A couple of industries, the economic developer said, have seen dramatic increases in their business. She also reported EDGE assisted Falls City Foods with a Community Development Block Grant application for a forgivable loan of \$10,500 to assist with the purchase of a grinder that will result in the addition of two jobs at its plant.

Mrs. Cromer reported Falls City Mercantile had submitted a Tax Increment Financing application for planned business expansion and modernization of its facilities to grow its customer base. She said EDGE had assisted Mercantile to obtain an energy efficiency audit required for a possible USDA grant to reduce energy costs.

Executive Director Cromer also reported that EDGE had finalized the purchase of 19.46 acres of commercially zoned land that will be subdivided for future development in the U.S. Highway 73 North corridor. The Council voted to use \$108,000 in economic development reuse funds to pay for a traffic study by Felsburg, Holt, and Ullevig, Omaha, required to plan the extension of 33rd Street from Community Medical Center to Highway 73 and on into the newly acquired property including the required intersection with Highway 73.

The EDGE executive reported grading had been completed on the current Champions Crossing project, Rieschick Drilling is expected to start later this month on the installation of sewer and water mains, and a preconstruction meeting has been held with Mezger Construction for concrete paving of streets. Miller-Monroe submit-

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HAPPENING AFTER WE GO TO PRINT THIS WEEK
Weekly update from Community Medical Center.
See next week's Journal for more information; or check www.fjjournal.net for updates.

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Take the #TestNebraskaChallenge

By Governor Pete Ricketts

As we approach the third week of the "21 Days to Stay Home and Stay Healthy" campaign, I urge Nebraskans to continue to practice strict social distancing. Now is not the time to relax our guard. It's our civic duty to stay committed to our six rules to keep Nebraska healthy:

1. Stay home. No non-essential errands and no social gatherings. Respect the ten-person limit.
2. Socially distance your work. Work from home or use the six-foot rule as much as possible in the workplace.
3. Shop alone and only shop once a week. Do not take family with you.
4. Help kids follow social distancing. Play at home. No group sports. And no playgrounds.
5. Help seniors stay at home by shopping for them. Do not visit long-term care facilities.
6. Exercise daily at home or with an appropriately socially-distanced activity.

Nebraskans have been very conscientious about physically distancing themselves. Data from Google on social mobility in Nebraska shows that we've improved in two of the most important categories used to gauge social distancing. Nebraskans are decreasing the amount of time spent in the workplace. Nebraskans are also increasing the numbers of hours they spend in residential areas. This indicates that people are heeding the guidance to stay home.

It's important to remember that social distancing means staying six-feet away from someone else, and avoiding physical contact. While social distancing will need to continue until we have a vaccine, we are taking steps to reopen businesses and organizations that have been temporarily closed.

The first step was announcing that elective surgeries can restart on May 4th. That means you can start seeing your dentist, eye doctor, veterinarian, and other physicians. Hospitals can restart under certain conditions. Hospitals can resume elective surgeries if they maintain 30% general bed availability, 30% ICU bed availability, 30% ventilator availability, AND have a two-week supply of necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) in their specific facility. Procedural guidelines for resuming elective procedures will be at the discretion of the hospital or health clinic.

To help us open other pieces of the economy, we are expanding testing. This week, I announced the #TestNebraskaChallenge. We are asking every Nebraskan to go to TestNebraska.com and take a quick, five-minute assessment. This will help us figure out where in the state testing needs to occur, and what your risk level is. Testing under the program will begin in about ten days, and will help us better identify cases and who needs to be quarantined.

As we look forward to May, Nebraskans should be prepared for a phased approach to ease our social distancing restrictions. We're not going to lift restrictions across the board, all at once. We'll evaluate the state by region, and gradually make data-informed changes as conditions allow. I'm having ongoing conversations with our state's mayors, industry associations, hospital leaders, public health departments, and others. Input from these constituencies and communities will play a big role in the decisions we make in the weeks ahead.

At this time, it's especially valuable for our team to hear from businesses and non-profits about how they're navigating the pandemic. The State has partnered with the University of Nebraska System and our state chambers of commerce to develop a survey on the business response to coronavirus. The survey is now live at cpar.unomaha.edu/nebusinessresponse. I encourage all business owners and non-profit leaders to complete this survey as soon as possible. It will provide us with valuable insight into your needs as we work to restore growth here in the Cornhusker State.

While I'm confident that Nebraska will emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever, I also recognize that many Nebraskans are experiencing hardship as a result of the coronavirus. As our citizens stay home and stay healthy, I also encourage them to stay connected. If you're feeling depressed or angry, don't suffer in isolation. Reach out to a friend, family member, or neighbor. In times of crisis, togetherness is what makes us tough. We need one another for encouragement and support. I want to remind all Nebraskans that we have hotlines available for you. Please dial them if you need help:

- Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660
- Nebraska Rural Response Hotline: 1-800-464-0258
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

In the coming weeks, we will have more announcements about how Nebraska will be reopening temporarily closed businesses. To stay up to date on the latest information, please visit www.Governor.Nebraska.gov and subscribe to the coronavirus updates. You can also visit dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus for more information. Additionally, Nebraskans should watch the latest news from their local health department (LHD). Go to dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Local-Health-Departments.aspx to find the website and contact information of the LHD in your area.

We're winning the war on the virus, but it's far from over. I ask for your continued cooperation as we combat coronavirus and make plans to get our economy fully growing again.



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS SLOWLY EMERGING

Capitol View
Nebraska Press Association
By: J.J. Schmidt

The Coronavirus which is killing Nebraskans and making others very sick also has the potential to greatly injure Nebraska's economy, an impact which will be felt for at least the next 3 years or longer.

That impact is already changing the Nebraska Legislature and the hopes and dreams of some lawmaker's ability to push pet projects through to completion in the final 17 days of the current legislative session, whenever that happens.

There will be things, big things, that just won't make it. Things like property tax relief and increased school aid - sponsors just don't have the votes necessary to push that big rock up the hill. Economic incentives for big businesses, a plan to rewrite current law which expires in July, is likewise burdened by some who tie its passage to the passage of the property tax bills.

One tragic victim may be the \$2 billion-plus project to expand the University of Nebraska Medical Center to meet the needs of a federal program to deal with things just like the current pandemic. The proposal carries a nice federal grant and a lot of prestige for a state medical system that has been known worldwide for its response to the Ebola crisis a few years ago and even the early stages of the Coronavirus with treatment of infected cruise ship passengers from all over the country.

The chairman of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, Sen. John Stinner of Gering, said recently that he couldn't predict the length or depth of the effects, but the pandemic will cause a significant decrease in tax receipts for the state. That could mean the \$133 million that was to be doled out by senators for certain spending bills, property tax cuts and tax incentives in the pending legislative session could be shoved aside, depending on the length and depth of economic effects and the limits on federal government reimbursements.

National watchdogs say that state revenues will decrease anywhere from 10 percent per month up to 25 percent. That's a hit yet to be factored into a state budget that is still awaiting approval in Nebraska. Stinner calls the situation "fluid, subject to a lot of interpretation and a moving target" for state lawmakers.

Just when lawmakers and their fiscal analysts can gather again face-to-face is also a moving target. The worst has yet to hit Nebraska, even though diagnosed cases are increasing every day and the death toll inches higher. Unemployment and Medicaid payments are going up. Stinner said every state agency will be impacted in some way. Game and Parks will take a hit because of closed campgrounds and diminished income from that. That's just one example.

The state has a two-year budget in place, but Gov. Pete Ricketts and the Appropriations Committee offered modifications in this year's legislative session that had nothing to do with the coronavi-

rus outbreak. Because the session was suspended until further notice in March, those budget bills have gone only through the first round of debate. Constitutionally, the Legislature is under the gun to get a budget passed, in fact, that's all it is required to do. A fact well worth remembering in trying times like these.

Prior to the pandemic, the state's cash reserve was on track to grow to \$731 million, but that could be reduced going into the next two-year budget to \$455 million.

March was a fairly strong month for tax receipts, Stinner said, but with a 30-day lag in sales tax reporting, the report for April will be more indicative of what is happening with restrictions on businesses and social gatherings amid the outbreak. And an economic

forecast in November will give the state a better idea of revenue.

One piece of good news from all this? No new taxes. Stinner said raising taxes in the middle of a recessionary environment is really not a good idea. "Economically, you can't burden people with additional taxes when they're trying to survive," he said.

There's a lot to think about in this time of pandemic pandemonium. Just remember to check in on your friends and neighbors as we practice social distancing. Wash your hands. Don't touch your face. Wear a mask when you go out.

J.J. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 20 years.

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- ACROSS**
1. "Ali Baba and the Forty _____" sing.
 6. Eureka!
 9. Schools of thought
 13. Sound of artillery
 14. Car nut
 15. Without illumination
 16. Nosey one
 17. Kind of trip?
 18. Lasso loop
 19. "Little Women's" mom
 21. "Tracee Ellis Ross on TV _____ o' shanter
 23. Quilter's word
 25. Like a fiddle?
 28. Like Charles Dickens' 'Tim
 30. Quarantine state
 35. "Egyptian goddess of fertility
 37. Insane, in Spain
 39. Mother or daughter, in Italy
 40. "Biblical Rebecca's son
 43. Research facil.
 44. Fisherman's decoys
 46. Daytime entertainment
 47. Furniture wood
 48. End of the road, pl.
 50. Blatant promotion
 52. Swedish shag rug
 53. Yours and mine
 55. Little squirt
 57. *Mother's mom
 61. *She fought for Mother's Day, then against it
 64. In advance
 65. *Bambi's mom
 67. Fluffy toy
 69. Less than ferrier
 70. I have
 71. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
 72. Fairies
 73. Galley equipment
 74. Feed the fire
- DOWN**
1. Kitchen meas.
 2. Stay out of its way!
 3. Pelvic parts
 4. Tennis great Chris _____
 5. Particular arrangement
 6. Away from wind
 7. *Mother's favorite gift?
 8. Ancient marketplace
 9. Part of a scheme
 10. No neatnik
 11. Sushi restaurant soup
 12. One-got meal
 15. Like the States
 20. *One of the Gilmore girls
 22. Hill dweller
 24. One-eyed giants
 25. *She played Forrest Gump's mother
 26. May edition, e.g.
 27. *Worn atop the Queen Mother
 29. Denials
 31. Nike's "Just _____"
 32. Private
 33. "Take it back!"
 34. *Mother in Kraków
 36. Lard cousin
 38. October birthstone
 42. Plural of sputum
 45. Rundown
 49. Bottom line
 51. Kind of ungluate, pl.
 54. Where you'll find AM
 56. Living room centerpiece?
 57. Gamecock's spur
 58. *Greek goddess of fertility
 59. Bald eagle's nest
 60. *Mums' mums
 61. Opposite of cheer
 62. International Civil Aviation Org.
 63. Puppet precursor, possibly
 66. *Female gametes
 68. Café alternative

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From the Journal Files
By Charlie Radatz
50-25-15 Years Ago

50 Years Ago - April 29, 1970 to May 4, 1970

Four were killed and an estimated 11 were wounded when Ohio National Guardsmen fired into a crowd of students taking part in a rally on the campus of Kent State University.

The Nebraska Department of Roads agreed to an out-of-court settlement with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ogle for a 1.54 acres of land taken to realign Highway 8 past their residence south of Dawson.

Flanker back Larry Frost of the Cornhusker football team was the guest speaker for the Rotary Club's annual recognition dinner for athletes from Falls City's two high schools.

The Rivoli was showing "Funny Girl," "Day of Anger" and "Take the Money and Run."

Falls City's power utility began shutting down its diesel generators and operating on power from OPPD weekdays from 9 pm to 7 am and on weekends and holidays.

The Southeast Consolidated girls track teams won both the high school and junior high divisions of a dual they hosted with Elmwood.

The Elks Lodge was sponsoring its 13th annual Youth Week program.

Dan Bird ran the 100 in :10.1 to eclipse Mike Simon's Sacred Heart record of :10.5 and Phil Aitken established a new record in the low hurdles, but the Irish finished 7th at the Southeast Border Conference Track Meet.

Cathy McKim's team won the Girls Athletic Association volleyball tournament at Falls City High.

Charlie Heim won the high jump with a leap of 5-3 the only gold medal for the Dawson-Verdon Jets in a Homesteader Conference track meet.

Mrs. Ken Buller was "Girl of the Year" of the Falls City chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Charles Havlicek, Dubois, a Regents' scholar, was one of 10 juniors elected to membership in UNL's Innocents Society.

An estimated 100 Falls City and Sacred Heart High School juniors were expected to visit Falls City businesses during "Career Day".

Miss Gay Gibson, Falls City, was named to the Ivy Day court of honor and Miss Carlene Volker, Humboldt, was named one of three Ivy Chain leaders at UNL.

Chuck Whitney's 92 was the best round for the Falls City High golf team that finished last in the Twin Rivers conference tournament at Fairbury.

Forty Falls City area families made commitments to grow cucumbers on plots of one half to two acres for a Minnesota pickle canner.

The Falls City Rotary Club was celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Falls City track legend Gil Dodds told the *Journal* "It was about time someone broke it" when asked about Gayle Swisegood's time of 1:58.7 that eclipsed Dodds' 33 year record in the 880.

25 Years Ago - April 29, 1995 to May 4, 1995

The City Council accepted a settlement of \$80,000 in H. Phillis Kennedy, Sr.'s default on loans extended from Community Development Block Grant funds to Woodings-Verona Tool Works.

Dr. Beth Herring passed the gavel of Jaycees leadership to new president Dennis Chandler.

Richardson County arranged to borrow up to \$200,000 from three county banks to fund the cost of murder trials underway in Richardson County District Court.

Senior Nate Froeschl established a new pole vault record of 13-8 and tied the 110-meter record of :15.1 as the Sacred Heart boys scored 239 points to crush their competition at the Galaxy Conference Track Meet.

Senior Celeste Nolte went 33-5.75 in the triple jump to establish a new conference record in that event as the Lady Irish captured the girls title at the Galaxy Conference Track Meet.

Dawson-Verdon's Activities Banquet recognized Ryan Schutte's Academic All Conference honors, Kari Hilgenfeld for winning the D-V Education Assn. Scholarship, and Ryan Hogue for lettering in football, basketball, and track four straight years.

Junior Darcy Zimmerman with a 43 had the best round for the Falls City golf team in a home loss to Rockport.

Falls City High grad Nancy Huppert was the best shot put and discus thrower for Northwest Missouri State University.

Alvin Strasil finished second in the Class C Division of the Arbor Day horseshoe pitching tournament at Nebraska City.

Ralph Huettner was the new commander of the Post 1765 of the VFW. Boy Scout Troop #396 members Justin Barker, Marcus Kister, Timothy Fischer, and Corey West earned their Eagle Scout badges.

The Charity Toy Collectors Club awarded \$700 to the Falls City Rural Fire Dept., \$100 to Richardson County CPR, and earmarked another \$50 for the Feed the Children Fund.

The Falls City Jaycees planted a red maple tree at Grandview Park and Head Start children and parents planted a tree in honor of Oklahoma City bombing victims on Arbor Day.

15 Years Ago - April 29, 2005 to May 4, 2005

Richardson County road crews were busy installing intersection signs. The secretary of the Southeast Consolidated School Board reported the financial status of the school had stabilized and observed that while enrollments had declined a positive sign was the enrollment of 14 kindergarteners for 2005-06.

Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. announced recipients of its \$1,100 scholarships. Winner of the business scholarship was Julie Ann Vrtiska, Humboldt, and winner of the agriculture scholarship was David Goff, rural Falls City.

Dr. Terry Symonds joined Dr. A.W. Tramp and Dr. D. Sue Jennings in serving patients at Falls City Family Practice.

Falls City High students in 10th to 12th grades recognized at the State NFWC art contest included Jay Steinman who earned "Best of Show" honors and Tim von Behren, Hannah Malcolm, and Nicole Fiegener who were first place winners.

Brenda Meyer, who was a nominee for several awards at the Kansas City Christian Music Awards program, was also chosen to be among singers to perform for the event.

Allissa Gyhra of Falls City High was winner of the Most Valuable Participant award at the Hiawatha Track Invitational. Gyhra won both the mile and the 800 meter for the Lady Tigers.

Brett Boltz won both the mile and two mile for the Tigers and Billy Kopf went 11-0 to win gold in the pole vault at Hiawatha.

Junior Lee Hullman carded the 5th best score at the Palmyra Golf Invitational with a round of 81 at Woodland Hills.

Joanna Hays (Shubert) qualified for the NAIA Region IV Tournament by being among the top 10 medalists at the Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference Golf Tournament.

Middle School Students of the Month for February were Madison Winslow, 8th grade; Michael Huettner, 7th grade; and Julianne Kopf, 6th grade.

Andrew Rieschick and Kevin Duerfeldt each earned honorable mention in the 9-12 grade division of the Nebraska Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

The Falls City Elks Lodge was sponsoring its 48th annual National Elks Youth Week.

The City Park Board voted April 21 to recommend that Candlelight Cabin at Stanton Lake Park be demolished unless private donations could be raised to make major repairs to the structure.

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able and residents are comfortable wearing them, then he recommends wearing them. Mr. Brueggemann also updated the group that the regulations proposed for the prevention of the spread of communicable disease, illness or poisoning by the SE District Health Department were approved and adopted by the Board on Monday, April 20 and have been forwarded to the five-county boards, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties for their approval. Richardson County approved the regulations at their April 21st meeting and have been forwarded to the SE NE Health Department to be filed with the Nebraska Department Health. The cities and villages may also approve the regulations after they have been submitted to the NE Health Dept. and approved.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, updated on the work that is being done by the Richardson County COVID19 Planning Committee. He informed the group that a business had been (contacted) to purchase gowns. It was also reported that the schools are working on plans to extend the lunch program into the summer due to the COVID19; otherwise, he had no new updates.

Increase in assault calls

Falls City Police Chief Duane

Armbruster reported that there has been an increase in the number of domestic and assault calls the past few weeks. Officers are using their own judgment when it comes to wearing masks, but he said he believes his officers are wearing them when they have a chance.

Sheriff Hardesty also reported that deputies are using their judgment if a mask is needed to answer a call or not. They do ask screening questions of individuals calling in. If it's an emergency and screening questions aren't answered, the officers are wearing masks in those types of situations.

Community Medical Center report on testing

Teresa Mackey from the Community Medical Center reported on the virus testing being done at the hospital and the different types of test kits that are available. She updated the Board on tests given in Richardson County (up to that time) 48 tests, 47 negative.

Mackey said the hospital does have the ability to do unlimited nasal washes. They're still trying to work on doing swabs. The state said they have swabs on hand, but it would be a trade out situation.

"So if we send them ten, they'll send us ten back at a time. So we do have the capabilities to continue to replenish that as long as what the state

has is available," said Mackey. Three-D printers are being looked at, and a few places are printing their own swabs that way. (Mackey) She said the IT Department is looking into that and working on a prototype.

Mackey (said) that the tests are being sent to different labs and that the results are arriving back sooner now than they have been, and a discussion is being held for the tests to be delivered to the lab by CMC instead of lab courier. Doing it this way would save an extra day on receiving the lab results. With the Governor opening up the elective surgeries, this will result in more testing being done on those patients. She stated that while the outpatient clinic, Emergency Room, and hospital admissions are down at least 50 percent, the staff is working to prepare for a spike in patients and reviewing the amount of supplies in stock and ordering for preparation. All staff members and visitors have temperatures taken and are wearing masks while at the facility. Visitors are still restricted at the hospital with a patient being allowed only one visitor who must sign an agreement that they will adhere to the social distancing regulations, hand-washing recommendations, etc. as long as they are the visitor for the patient.

Another meeting of the Richardson County Board of Health is scheduled for May 6, 2020.

EDGE Director reports to City Council

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ted the low bid for marketing of the first six lots. Lot prices will be \$30,000 for 601 Shamrock Circle, \$34,000 each for 600, 606, and 607 Shamrock Circle, \$38,000 for 609 Shamrock Circle, and \$40,000 for 610 Shamrock Circle.

Mrs. Cromer reported EDGE provided \$11,000 in funding to provide additional equipment for the welding labs at the Southeast Community College-Falls City Learning Center. She also stated that EDGE was partnering with SCC and The Ames Companies to provide full scholarships for tuition and equipment for nine students to take the welding program offered here.

The economic developer also reported that Bluestem Energy discontinued its energy master planning process for a Bluestem distribution-connected renewable energy project as it was not possible for them to offer savings compared to current non-firm market energy prices. Summarized Mrs. Cromer, "The issue remains, we have excellent rates but limited availability of power."

The Council voted to approve the erection of an eight-foot high metal privacy fence around the old Carter-Waters Terminal on West 14th Street now the property of Joy's Machine Shop and Supply, Inc., 512 W. 14th Street, Falls City. Employment of two part-time summer helpers was approved to do miscellaneous painting and parks department work. And, the Council voted to approve the appointment of Brian Poppe to fill a vacancy on the Community Development Authority.

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Digital Students of the Month - March



FCHS March Digital Students of the Month

The staff and administration of Falls City High School have announced the selections for March Digital High School Students of the Month. The honors go to the following students: Upperclassmen- Kade Bredemeier, a senior, is the son of Jason and Mandy Bredemeier. Maggie McNeely, a senior, is the daughter of Erik and Sandra McNeely. Underclassmen- Cabe Marquez, a sopho-

more, is the son of Corey and Alysia Schawang and Randy Marquez. Abby Fritz, a sophomore, is the daughter of Darin and Kerry Fritz.

"The students were nominated by high school staff for being innovative, responsible, resilient, and resourceful in this digital learning environment," according to high school principal Gale Dunkhas.

Tornado season is here

By Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator Nebraska Extension

We can never be surprised at the weather we may have in Nebraska this time of year. On April 16, we had a significant snowfall across Nebraska, with about 4" locally in southeast Nebraska. The week before we had record high temperatures around 87 degrees in the area. A year ago in March the Bomb Cyclone hit, resulting in devastating flooding which continues to impact us here along the Missouri River corridor. These are just examples that show how extreme the weather can be in Nebraska. Three years ago we had a couple of tornadoes right here in southeast Nebraska. A little over a week ago several people were killed from severe tornadoes in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia. Last winter we had extreme weather conditions, warm temperatures some days, the coldest temperatures in years on other days, and more snow than we have had in several years. The variable temperatures we recently had can potentially develop into severe weather, and even spawn tornadoes. Each year is different, and 2020 is no exception. Over the last sixteen years, southeastern Nebraska has been hit hard by a number of tornadoes, with some of them devastating communities! Tornadoes in other regions of the state have taken their toll as well. Remembering this, the last thing you want to hear is that tornado season is near! Unfortunately it is. The climate continues to be ever changing, and the weather is extremely unpredictable, so we should be prepared to expect any type of weather this spring and summer. Temperatures continue to fluctuate from day to day this spring, which can be very conducive to severe weather, including tornadoes.

Are you ready for a tornado? Do you know what to do if a tornado is headed your way? With severe weather beginning, it's time to be prepared for tornadoes. What are some things we should do to be prepared for a possible tornado? With most people sheltering in place at home due to the CoronaVirus, you need to have a place in your home where family members can gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be in your basement or else in a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor if there is no basement. If you are in a high-rise building, go to a place in a hallway in the center of the building, you may not have time to go to the lowest floor. Your place of work should also have a tornado plan. If you are unaware of it, find out what it is.

If there are storm warnings issued for your area, listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. You need to know the difference between a tornado WATCH and WARNING. A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area. A tornado WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately. If a tornado WATCH is issued, listen to your radio and TV and be alert to changing weather conditions. Environmental clues that indicate a tornado may be developing include: a dark, often greenish sky, a wall cloud approaching and large hail. Blowing debris may also be a sign of an approaching tornado. People say a tornado sounds like a freight train. If a tornado WARNING is issued go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and flying objects. If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area. If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety as described above. After the tornado passes, watch out for fallen power lines and listen to the radio for information and instructions. Use a flashlight to inspect the damage, never use candles! A gas line may have ruptured, leaving highly combustible natural gas or propane in the area.

The most important thing is to be prepared for a tornado and don't take the threat of a tornado lightly. The destruction and devastation from tornadoes can be unbelievable.

USDA Service Centers open by phone appointment only

The Richardson County USDA Service Center will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible.

USDA Service Centers are encouraging visitors to take precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. All Service Center customers wishing to conduct business with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call to receive services through a phone appointment.

Farm Service Agency: (402) 245-2401 extension 2. Natural Resources Conservation Service: (402) 245-2401 extension 3. Employees also may be contacted by email at the following email ad-

dress: nefallscity-fsa@one.usda.gov.

Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal, various FSA online services and the NRCS Conservation Client Gateway. Through the farmers.gov portal, producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. On the FSA website, customers with an eAuth account can enroll in certain programs and access maps and farm data through FSAfarm+. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the Conservation Client Gateway where customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

For the most current updates on available services and Service

Center status visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

ACCIDENTS

According to accident reports, Lawrence W. Kirkendall, of Falls City was eastbound on 21st street near Crook when Jack Lovenburg, of Falls City pulled into the intersection and continued south on Crook Street. Kirkendall struck Lovenburg in the passenger rear bumper fender area. Lovenburg pulled to the East, entered the grass and hit a utility pole with the passenger front of the truck. Kirkendall continued forward hitting the speed limit sign. Kirkendall had damage to the driver's side front bumper. An estimated \$100 in damage was done to the utility pole owned by the State of Nebraska; An estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the Kirkendall vehicle; and an estimated \$5,000 in damage was done to the Lovenburg vehicle. No citations were issued.

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Losing a job often means also losing insurance

"Thinking About Health," is part of the Nebraska Press Association's partnership with Rural Health News Service, which will provide Nebraskans with unbiased health-related information, designed to help better understand the health issues facing our communities, state and nation.

By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health News Service



The growing numbers of unemployed Americans – likely to hit 20 million or more thanks to the effects of the coronavirus – bring with them a loss of employer-provided health insurance coverage. The pandemic has laid bare the deficiencies in America's main vehicle for providing health insurance.

The system, which grew up after World War II as a way to attract workers, had already begun to decline. Over the past 20 years the share of non-elderly Americans covered by job-based insurance dropped from 68 percent to 57 percent. Significantly, that drop has been true for all income groups below \$104,800 for a family of four and about \$51,000 for a single person.

Those grim stats raise a crucial question: How will laid off middle-income workers be able to pay for insurance premiums on their own let alone the deductibles, coinsurance, and copays that come with policies these days? Many cannot.

Still if you are in this predicament or know someone who is, this column lays out the main options available. A warning: All have drawbacks. As a general rule, the option that gives you the greatest coverage, for the lowest price, for the longest time is the best choice.

COBRA: The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Act passed in 1985 gives employees who have lost job-based coverage the right to remain on their employers' policies for at least 18 months, longer under some circumstances. COBRA applies to employers with 20 or more employees, and workers who've lost their jobs have to pay the entire premium plus a small administrative fee. The average annual family premium for employer-provided coverage last year was \$20,500 with the employee paying only \$6,000 of that amount. This isn't likely to be a great option for someone who was just laid-off.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT policies are a better option for many workers who've lost their jobs. While they are a good solution for some people, they are problematic for others. Those with low and middling incomes below 250 percent of poverty, or a little more than \$64,000 for a family of four, should consider an ACA policy. You'll receive government help paying the premium and, most important, help paying the deductibles, coinsurance, and copays, which are increasingly pinching family budgets, making it hard for them to afford care.

Families with incomes between 250 percent and 400 percent of poverty (nearly \$105,000 for the family of four) do get some help paying the premiums, but the amount of help declines the higher the income. The biggest problem for families in this group is that there is no help from the Affordable Care Act with the cost-sharing expenses: deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays. That makes these policies less attractive, especially when someone gets sick and finds that a deductible of \$8,000 means they won't get any help until they have paid at least that amount out of pocket.

If you don't qualify for cost-sharing subsidies, you'll have to make this choice: Go with a cheaper premium but higher cost sharing and be prepared to pay more if you get sick. Or pay more up front and have more protection when illness strikes.

Remember that having a preexisting health condition is not a barrier to obtaining an ACA policy. That is a huge help to anyone who is ill.

Since the president has said he will not open the federal ACA market-places now closed, you'll have to apply for a policy through a special provision that lets people enroll if they've lost employer coverage in the last 60 days or expect to lose it in the next 60 days. You can also qualify if you've lost coverage you had through a family member. Go to this website for more information: <https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/special-enrollment-period/>

MEDICAID is a good option for people with very low incomes. It provides comprehensive coverage, but it's hard to get. In most states, an adult's income must be no greater than \$17,609 to qualify. Some states have even lower limits to receive benefits. Some have tried to impose work requirements as a condition for receiving benefits, but those are gone now. And the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that Congress passed on March 18 bans states from disenrolling anyone who was covered by Medicaid as of that date, making it easier to maintain coverage.

SHORT-TERM POLICIES are an alternative made available last year by the Trump administration. They offer coverage for up to three years and can cost as much as 50 percent less than more comprehensive policies. But they generally don't cover preexisting conditions and often don't cover maternity care, mental health, or prescription drugs. I call them the "buyer-beware" option because some consumers have purchased them only to be left with large bills when they got sick. If you're offered one of these, proceed with extreme caution.

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2020 Falls City Educational Foundation Scholarship Winners

The Falls City Educational Foundation Scholarship committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship award winners for 2020-2021 school year.

Scholarship awarded to members of the 2020 Senior Class are:

The Downey Family Scholarship worth \$3,500.00, Christian Ivey.

William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship, worth \$3,500.00, Kade Brede-meier.

The William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship worth \$3,500.00, Keldon Campbell

The Ralph and Erna Baker Scholarship worth \$3,000.00, Brynna Bruxellas.

The Scott Schock Memorial Scholarship worth \$2,500.00, Maggie Meneely

The Brenner Twins Memorial Scholarship worth \$2,000.00, Hunter Arnold.

The Falls City High School Alumni Association Scholarship worth \$2,000.00, Jackson Findlay.

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The Rod and Jan Vandenberg Memorial Scholarship worth \$1,800.00, Cole J. Kirkendall

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The Senator Irving F. Wiltse Memorial Scholarship worth \$900.00, Caden Simon.

The Jody Mez Memorial Scholarship worth \$800.00, Faith Zimmerman

Prior Graduate Scholarship: The Governor A.J. Weaver Family Scholarship worth \$1,000.00, Tavia Bruxellas.

Morgan Mattan receives art honor

Falls City Sacred Heart Junior, Morgan Mattan, received the honor of having his art work shown in the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery on UNL campus as part of the Nebraska Young Artist Award Statewide High School Invitational Exhibition. On a typical year, the juniors chosen for this exhibition would be honored with a reception as well as a day on campus in the art department at UNL. The Covid-19 pandemic prevented this from happening. Interested parties can go to the website to view the works from high school juniors across the state of Nebraska (<https://arts.unl.edu/art/eisentrager-howard-gallery>).



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(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action). Fined \$50, plus Court costs of \$49.

(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

Legend drug means drugs that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that are required by federal or state law to be dispensed to the public only on prescription of a licensed physician or other licensed provider.

DISTRICT COURT

Julia M. Sprouse, of Stella, count one, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, possess firearm while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count

seven, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty, found guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 12, 2020.

Tara M. Tackett, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead no contest, found guilty; count two, violate protection order, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for June 16, 2020.

Matthew L. Gilbert, of Humboldt, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2020.

Travis G. Sherman, of Wahoo, NE, count one, sexual assault-first degree, plead not guilty; count two, burglary, plead not guilty; count three, false imprisonment-first degree, plead not guilty; count four, sexual assault-w/o consent-third degree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for April 28, 2020.

Joshua D. Arington, of Humboldt, count one, Del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2020.

Joshua M. Darden, of Falls City, count one, possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for

Jeremy M. Patnode, of Falls

City, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty; count two, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for May 5, 2020.

Braiden E. Guido, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, plead not guilty; count two, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fly, plead not guilty; count three, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty; count four, criminal mischief-\$501-\$1,499, plead not guilty; count five, criminal trespass-second degree, plead not guilty; count six, unauthorized use propelled vehicle-first, plead not guilty; count seven, reckless driving-first offense, plead not guilty; count eight, no operator's license/non-waiverable, plead not guilty; count nine, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for May 19, 2020.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Falls City, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, amended to unauth use propelled vehicle-first, plead no contest, found guilty, sentenced to probation for a term of 18 months starting April 21, 2020, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$450, drug testing fee of \$90, restitution of \$300.

Nathan A. Purcell, of Stella, count one, possess controlled substance, amended to attempt of a class four felony, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of 18 months starting April 21, 2020; count two, resist arrest first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of 18 months starting April 21, 2020; count three, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed.

Michael A Costa, of Falls City, count one, del/dsp/man/pos contrl subs-sch 1, 2, 3, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count two, contribute to delinquency of child, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, false reporting-misdemeanor, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty. Sentencing is

scheduled for June 30, 2020.

Tara A. Prater of Highland, KS, count one, theft-deception \$5,000+, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for May 26, 2020.

Anthony R. Newcomb, of Sabetha, KS, count one, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess controlled substance, plead not guilty; count two, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count three, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, plead not guilty; count four, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, amended to possess deadly weapon while commit felony, count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count six, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count seven, possess controlled substance, amended to possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, plead not guilty; count eight, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count nine, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty; count ten, carry concealed weapon-first offense, plead not guilty. Case continued.

COUNTY COURT

Robert R. Mendenhall, of Humboldt, count one, disturbing the peace, plead guilty, found guilty and fined \$75.

Kimberly D. Freeman, of Pawnee City, count one, no proof of insurance, plead not guilty; count two, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, plead not guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, plead not guilty; count four, drive under susp/ before reinstated-state, plead not guilty. Hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2020.

Roy L. Bivens, of Humboldt, count one, dom asst-third de-

gree, plead not guilty. Pretrial is scheduled for May 11, 2020.

Jacob L. Rieger, of Falls City, count ne, commit child abuse intentional/no injury. Hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2020.

Amie S. Hart, of Falls City, count one, trespass-second degree/defy order to leave plead no contest, plead guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty; count three, disturbing the peace, plead no contest, found guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for May 11, 2020.

Anthony Uitts, of Falls City, count one, animal running at large, plead not guilty. Show cause hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2020.

Sara Marano, of North Las Vegas, NV, count one, assault-third degree, plead not guilty; count two, obstruct a peace officer, plead not guilty. Entry of plea is scheduled for May 11, 2020.

Dillon L. Stalder, of Humboldt, count one, DUI-alcohol-first offense, plead no contest, found guilty and sentenced to probation for a term of eight months starting April 22, 2020, fined \$500, drug testing fee of \$20, probation administrative fee of \$30, regular probation fee of \$200, revoked license for a term of 60 days starting April 22, 2020, interlock device; count two, minor in possession ages 19/20, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count three, possess/consume open alcohol container, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count four, drive left of center, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty; count five, possess marijuana one ounce or less-first off, plead no contest, found guilty and fined \$300; count six, possess or use drug paraphernalia, amended to count dropped/dismissed, plead not guilty.



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Community Medical Center Board of Directors scholarship winners

Community Medical Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce Kade Bredemeier and Lauren Nanninga as the recipients of its scholarships for 2020.

The scholarships, are awarded to students who are graduating from a high school in Richardson County, Nebraska, and to those entering a two or four year college with a declared major in the health-care field. Scholarship winners are eligible to renew the scholarship for one additional year if they maintain a 3.0 GPA and retain a healthcare major.

Kade Bredemeier, son of Jason and Mandy Bredemeier, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He will graduate this May from Falls City High School. Kade plans to attend Hastings College majoring in Secondary Education with a minor in Exercise Science. Upon graduating from Hastings College, Kade plans on applying to Physical Therapy school.

Lauren Nanninga, daughter of Rod and Tara Nanninga, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She will graduate in May from HTRS. Lauren plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Communication Sciences and Speech Disorders with a goal of applying to a master's program and becoming a speech and language pathologist.



Sacred Heart students art selected for Peru State College Exhibition

Ten Sacred Heart art students had work selected for the Peru State College High School Art Exhibition. Students submitted work for the exhibition to Peru State College Art Professor Susan Moore. Works were then juried for the exhibition. Peru State College is still working on the virtual tour of this exhibition. Congratulations to Paige Stamper, Jena Reeves, Evi Schock, Emily Wertemberger, Lexi Pokorny, Blake Frederick, Madison Littrel, Mackensie Nelson, McKenzie Witt, and Morgan Mattan for having works accepted into this show. Special Congratulations to Evi Schock for winning Honorable Mention with her linoleum print titled "In the Woods," pictured above. The online exhibition can be viewed at <https://www.peru.edu/artgallery/artdaygallery>.

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FC Irish's first State Basketball win

By Brian McKim

With sports at a standstill, I thought it would be fun to revisit the first basketball state championship by FCSH. The Irish are fresh off their 10th state title, a 45-33 win over Humphrey St. Francis on March 14 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The 1987-88 Sacred Heart Irish boys finished the season 23-1 and earned the school's first-ever basketball state title. It also happened to be Coach Doug Goltz's first championship team. Just over one month ago, Goltz's Irish team won his tenth state championship.

The '88 team headed into the State Tourney with a 20-1 record. The Irish were led by senior 6-2 center David Finck, 6-1 forwards Steve Simon and Raphael Darveaux, 5-11 guard Buck Sells and 6-0 guard Matt Knobbe. The Irish were outscoring their foes 65-46, with Simon leading the offense with 330 points and Finck adding 262.

In the first round of the tourney, SH survived an overtime scare to defeat Spencer 75-65 at Lincoln High. Regulation ended with the game tied at 61, but the Irish were perfect from the field in OT to get the win. Spencer held a 55-50 lead heading into the final eight minutes, but SH tied the game and took possession with :40 to go. The Irish played for the last shot but turned the fall over with just seven ticks left on the clock. The Pirates desperation shot was off the rim, and the game went to an extra period. Freshman Steve Simon led the offense with 20 points. Darveaux had 14, Knobbe and Sells each had 12, and Finck added 11.

In round two, the Irish faced Polk-Hordville as Pershing Auditorium. Again, the Irish held on for the 60-52 win. Sacred Heart trailed by two, 46-44, with less than five minutes to play, but Knobbe went on a run, scoring eight straight points. A hoop by Finck and a pair of free throws by Simon sealed

the game, giving the Irish a 10-point lead with 1:31 to go. Knobbe had the hot hand, scoring 13 of his team-high 23 points in the fourth period. Simon added 11 points, and Sells and Finck each had eight.

With the win, the Irish advanced to the Class D-1 finals at the Bob Devaney Sports Center against the Humphrey St. Francis Flyers. According to the Falls City Journal, David Finck "was an absolute terror" against the Flyers. Finck finished the game with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

The Irish got off to a 28-19 lead after the first quarter, but the Flyers had tied the game by intermission, 40-40. The Irish scored the first 13 points of the second half and seemed to be cruising, but the Flyers came right back with a 13-point run of their own to tie the game at 53 with 6:01 to play in the game. Simon gave the Irish the lead for good seconds later. Baskets by Finck, Darveaux, and Knobbe put the Irish ahead 61-54 with 3:13 to play.

Knobbe calmly put the final nails in the coffin, sinking four consecutive free throws in the last :30 to seal the championship, giving the Irish the 65-58 win.

Knobbe led the Irish with 20 points, and Simon had 17, Darveaux had 16, and Sells and Simon each had six. Sells and Knobbe each had five assists, and Simon, Darveaux, and Sells each added six boards. Ken Sander of HSF has 18 points and ten rebounds.

The Irish finished the season 23-1 and went on to win three more titles in a row. Knobbe and Finck were named to the all-tourney team. Knobbe had 55 points, and ten rebounds, and Finck had 32 points and 32 rebounds.

The Irish, under Coach Doug Goltz, have won basketball titles in 1988, 89, 90, 91, 99, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2018, and 2020.

By Brian McKim

I thought it would be fun to go over the 1963 Falls City Tiger boys basketball state championship, the last of three state titles. The Tigers earned their trip to State by winning the District tourney. FC defeated Ralston in overtime 51-50 then beat Plattsmouth 43-41, before defeating Lincoln University 68-62 at Wesleyan University to punch their ticket to State.

The Tigers were making their 16th trip to State in 35 years and boasted a record of 12-14 at the tourney. This was the seventh trip for Coach Bob Henderson. For the season, the Bengals were averaging 58 points and giving up 50.

In the opening round contest, 17-2 Falls City took on 18-4 Madison at Pershing Auditorium. The favored Tigers held on for the thrilling 50-48 win. FC took the lead midway through the third quarter. The FC faithful could finally breathe easily as Ernie Strasil made two free throws with :14 to go to give the Tigers a four-point lead. According to all accounts, the Tigers played poorly most of the night, making just 16/58 shot attempts, but held on for the win.

FC trailed by four at the half and held their largest lead of the contest at 45-39 with 5:33 to play. Ben Maze and Strasil each had 16 points. Chick James added ten, and Garry Schacht added six points and 18 rebounds.

Round two. "FC zooms to 33-17 margin over Pierce in the first half, continues to 54-55 win."

For the first time in seven years and third time in school history, the Tigers would be playing for a state title. Falls City led by 16 at the half, 33-17, but went cold in the second half. The Blue Jays got to within five at 41-36. Ernie Strasil came alive in the fourth quarter, racking up 11 of his 23 points in the final eight minutes. Maze finished with a team-high 25 points, James had four points and 13 rebounds but fouled out for the second straight game.

With FC clinging to a five-point advantage, Strasil scored FC's next ten points to make it a 12-point lead. Pierce got close again, 55-49 with 2:17 to play but a hoop by Maze and two free throws by Schacht put FC at ease. The Tigers won the game at the foul line, making 22/32 attempts.

With the win on Friday, FC faced Minden at the Nebraska Coliseum for the championship. According to Bill Schock, most FC fans viewed the game on TVs in rented motel rooms. Tickets sold out

early and were mostly unavailable unless you wanted to pay scalpers. One fan noted asking prices as high as \$5.00 per ticket. Schock estimated a minimum of 250 Tiger fans being turned away. FC defeated Minden 56-51 to earn the Class B title. "One of the most amazing teams in the history of FC High reigns as states kingpin in Class B," according to the Falls City Journal. This was the school's third state title. Jug Browns team won in 1939, and Jack McIntire's unit won in 1956.

The Tigers led most of the game; however, Minden took a 49-47 lead with 4:41 to go. An offensive rebound and put back by Schacht with 3:12 to play tied the game at 47. A long hoop by Steve Colerick gave FC a two-point lead. A basket by Maze from the side with 1:57 made it 53-49. With :52 left Maze canned two free throws to seal the game.

The Tigers finished the season

20-2. "Strasil and Maze's long-range artillery firing again brought oh's and ah's from the standing-room-only crowd." Strasil had 21 points; Maze had 18, Schacht added 10 and 14 points, Colerick had six, and James had one. Maze and Strasil were named all-tourney.

According to sportswriter Clair Hurlbert, Cecil "Spike" Bennett was the only FC fan who steadfastly asserted from the beginning of the season that the Tigers would be Class B champs.

The '63 title run was the last state tournament teams until the Tigers made their way back to Lincoln in 2010; oddly enough, the Tigers fell to Minden 46-41 in the opening round. FC then made back to back trips in 2014 and 2015. Again FC fell in the opening rounds, each ending in overtime losses.

Local students receive scholarships to UNL

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has offered more than 5,500 universitywide scholarships to the 2020 graduating class from Nebraska high schools. The total potential value of the scholarships is nearly \$56 million.

Local students receiving scholarships from Falls City Public Schools: Hunter Arnold, Nebraska Achievement; Kade Bredemeier, Husker Power; Seth Brewer, Husker Power; Jackson Findlay, Chancellor's Leadership, Husker Power and Nebraska Achievement; Cydney Forsyth, Husker Power; and Maggie McNeely, Husker Power, all of Falls City.

Students from Falls City Sacred Heart receiving scholarships are Jacob Hoy, Husker Power; Luke Schawang, David, Husker Living, and Learning, and Nebraska Emerging Leader; and Evi Schock, Husker Power, all of Falls City.

"We believe in the power of each student, which is why we want to make attending Nebraska a reality for as many students as possible," said Justin Chase Brown, director of scholarships and financial aid. "This year, many of our incoming students

have experienced heartbreaking school disruptions and event cancellations due to COVID-19. While the pandemic has affected nearly every aspect of daily life, we want to show our students we're proud of what they've accomplished, and most importantly, support them in planning for the future."

The awards offered include more than 3,200 Husker scholarships. In 2017, Nebraska Athletics began contributing \$5 million annually in scholarship funds for Nebraska residents who do not participate in intercollegiate athletics.

To further serve students, Nebraska has extended its scholarship deadline for most merit-based scholarships to June 1.

Students and families can connect with Nebraska's Office of Admissions by requesting an online appointment at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit>, emailing admissions@unl.edu, or calling 402-472-2023.

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According to police reports, on April 21, 2020, Richardson County Deputies arrested 24 year old Joshua Fletcher of Falls City, on a Warrant for Failure to Appear. Fletcher was booked into the Richardson County Jail.



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Patsy Wilson

Patsy Jean Holsclaw Wilson, 90, Lincoln, NE passed away April 24, 2020. Born April 13, 1930 in Falls City, NE to William H. and Ida E. (Albright) Holsclaw.

Family members include her daughter Susie (Dave) Carbon, Jefferson, IA; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; nieces Debra Mullen and Lynn Walsh, Lincoln and many other nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert and sisters. No services. Interment at a later date.

Memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences online at Roper-Anderson.com.

Gary L. Gerdes

Gary L. Gerdes, 72, of Humboldt, Nebraska passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Pleasant View Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Day Foundation, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkess-mortuaries.com.

City plans to flush fire hydrants

Falls City Utility personnel will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the city starting in the next few weeks to flow test and remove any sediment built up in the water mains. This is scheduled to start on May 11, 2020.

Customers may experience a temporary brownish-red discoloration of their water during this flushing process. However, Ray Lühring of the Utility Department notes that this water discoloration does not pose any health threat and the water is safe to use.

Persons, who notice flushing in progress in their area, are advised not to use water for a short while until the flushing is complete, so as to not pull discolored water into their service piping. For those who do experience discoloration of water, the Water Department reminds them not to wash white clothes during this time since the brownish-red minerals will stain white cloth.

"The Water Department apologizes for any inconvenience that this flushing process might cause for consumers. The process of flushing the system at the fire hydrants removes as much of the build-up

Robert Paul McClain

Paul McClain, age 73 of Nebraska City passed away on Sunday morning April 19, 2020.

Robert Paul McClain was born on July 5, 1946 in Akeley, MN; the son of Virgil and Jeanette (Zimmerman) McClain. He joined an older brother Jerry in the family. As time passed, Paul and Jerry's lives took different directions and they lost contact with each other.

Paul came to Nebraska City in 1977 from Beatrice, NE and began working at Region V Services.

He loved being at Region V and the many activities he was involved in. Through the years, he was blessed with forming many friendships with his fellow workers as well as the staff.



Survivors include two aunts: Laura Kottich of Falls City, NE and Burdeen Prater of Papillion, NE; an uncle Howard Zimmerman of Falls City, NE; numerous cousins and his Region V family.

Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Steele Cemetery in Falls City, NE; burial followed the services.

Open visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - all at Gude Mortuary.

Memorials in his memory may be given to Region V Services in Nebraska City.

Remembrances may be left at www.gudefuneralhomes.com.

Denny L. Holle

Denny L. Holle, 77, of rural Hiawatha, with family by his side, died Sunday evening, April 19, 2020, at his rural home.

Denny was born at Greenleaf, KS, on December 8, 1942, one of five children born to Lawrence and Rosy Holle (Craig). He attended Shaw Country School and then went to Barnes High School. After school, Denny did the farming and chores at their family farm.

Denny married Bethel in 1974, and they made their home in Hiawatha, KS, where he lived the rest of his life. Denny worked for Flair Fold for 37 years until they closed. He then worked at Wilde Tool Company for five years and then retired. To say Denny was an avid garden tractor puller was very much understated.

Five step-children survive Denny: Cindy (Allen) Wisdom of Falls City, Ne., Ida Stonebarger of Marysville, KS, Marie (Steve) Waterman, Frank (Lorie) Jorgenson and Amy Jorgenson all of Greenleaf, KS, a nephew David (Laura) Holle of Hiawatha, KS; six grandchil-



dren, six great-grandchildren (one unborn), two great-nephews, one great-niece, one great-great-nephew, and one great-great-niece.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Bethel, and a granddaughter Jennifer Wenzel, brother Verlin Holle, sister-in-law Shirley Holle.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 until 4 Thursday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha.

Private graveside services were held Friday, April 24, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, with Pastor Ben Moore of Valley Avenue Baptist Church of Falls City, officiated.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Denny Holle Memorial Fund to be designated later by the family, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

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Betty J. Mullins

Betty Jane (Volker) Mullins was born at home on the farm northwest of Humboldt, Nebraska on July 6, 1932. She was the oldest of three children born to Herbert Frank and Louise Augusta (Boeck) Volker.

As a child she loved her dog "Shep" the three legged dog. Her dad had accidentally run over the dog with the sickle mower, cutting off one of it's legs. Betty also loved their two horses, Claude and Dase.

As a youngster she attended Prairie Hill grade school, 1/2 mile east and 1/2 mile north of her farm home. Later she graduated from high school at Bratton Union in 1950. After high school she received her teaching certificate from Peru State College.

Betty taught school one year north of Humboldt before meeting Arnold Bents at a summer church picnic at St. James Lutheran Church, rural Humboldt. She fell in love with the tall lean soldier who had come from Wisconsin to visit his brother, Rev. Harms Bents, who was the church's minister at that time.

Arnold and Betty got married on June 12, 1952 at St. James Lutheran Church. They were blessed with three children: Donald Gene, Shirley Marie and Steven Leroy. In December, 1955, Betty left Nebraska with her three little kids to embark on the adventure of being a military family in Japan. She joined her husband and lived on Kadena Air Force Base for 18 months before returning to Fort Hood, Texas.

After the couple divorced, Betty raised her three young children with the help of her parents and brothers in Humboldt. In March, 1965, Arnold was killed in gas station explosion in Fort Worth, Texas.

Later Betty married Gerald Dean and also Warren "Moon" Mullins. Both marriages ended in divorce.

Betty never lacked in motivation, drive and ambition. She ran the lunch counter at Hest-ed's Dime Store in Falls City; she owned the Chat-n-Nibble in Falls City; Big Red N in Salem and the Camp in Humboldt. She operated the Cardinal Kitchen and Country Cookin' cafes. For a short time Betty also owned Big H Hardware Store in Humboldt. She was "Grandma Betty" or "Aunt Betty" to lots of kids.

After retiring, Betty enjoyed trips to local casinos; she loved to dance; and listened to all kinds of music and played the accordion and piano.

The love of Betty's heart was her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She really liked playing Dominos!

Betty Jane was a member of the Lutheran Church; past member of the Humboldt Lions Club; past member of Humboldt American Legion Auxiliary; she was a willing worker on the Richardson County Election Board for many years.

Betty Jane became a resident of Premier Estates of Pawnee on October 17, 2014. She quickly made friends with other residents and the loving staff. Her favorite times were Friday Bingo, playing dominos, dancing on Karaoke day and weekly devotions led by area pastors. She passed away peacefully there on April 21, 2020 with family at her bedside at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her parents, great grandson, Joel Wayne Franzen (2000), great great granddaughter, Aley Lynn Gilmore (2008), sister-in-law, Karen Volker (1996).

She is survived by her three children and their spouses; Don and Anita Bents, Pawnee City; Shirley and Willie Wichman, Lincoln and Steve and Joanne Bents, Billings, MT, eight grandchildren: Jake, Matt, Lisa, Dustin, Steven, Jessica, Sara and Jan, five step grandchildren; seven great grandkids; with one more arriving in May, six great great grandkids. Her two brothers, Laverne (Rusty) Volker and Mervin Volker both of Humboldt and one uncle, Evert Boeck, Smith Center, KS, three nephews, three nieces, and many cousins, friends and neighbors.

Graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2020 at St. James (Long Branch) Lutheran Church, rural Humboldt. Officiating Pastor Duane Westing and Pastor Eric Spruth-Janssen. Visitation was Friday, April 24, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Interment at St. James (Long Branch) Lutheran Church, rural Humboldt, Nebraska. Memorials in lieu of flowers to St. James (Long Branch) Lutheran Church.

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Each year SENCA is investing in area youth by providing six \$400 scholarships to graduating seniors for post-secondary education.

The scholarships are heavily weighted in community service. One senior from Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties, SENCA's

six core county service area, is selected by a review committee to receive a scholarship. Each year applications are provided to all high school guidance counselors throughout the six county service area. Applications are also made available on the SENCA web site, www.senca.org.

The scholarship program was started in 2013 and to date, SENCA has awarded over \$18,500 to support area graduates.

For additional information on SENCA programs and services please visit the agency web site and "like" SENCA at www.facebook.com/Senca1.



Gardening in the time of COVID-19

By Monica Nelson, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, plantnebraska.org

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Let's not forget the sweat equity. Gardening is a way to get your exercise the fun way. Your garden workout aids in creating endorphins, our "feel-good" chemicals that assist in stress relief.

One aspect of taking care of yourself during the Covid crisis that is often ignored by the media is your own emotional health. When fighting an enormous physical enemy like this deadly virus, too often tending to your state of mind gets pushed aside. It is vitally important that you take positive steps to keep your mind as healthy as your body.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest you "take breaks" and "make time to unwind." The World

Health Organization goes further in their advice on coping with Covid stress: "Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during the challenging time of this outbreak."

Gardeners know there's no better way to rejuvenate their mind and spirit than engaging in their favorite pastime. The next best thing to the act of planting is planning and selecting the plants you want. The Arboretum's Spring Affair plant sale, this year an online sale rather than an event, will give you that opportunity. Give yourself permission to escape for a few hours and start planning a landscape that will get you outdoors and invigorated all year long. Visit <https://arboretumplants.org/> to start dreaming and planning.

Relieving stress by connecting with nature, creating a beautiful landscape and exercising are some of the wonderful ways gardening helps you confront the unsettledness of the Covid crisis we're going through now. Take advantage of your love of gardening to help you through the months ahead. It's a wonderful ally in restoring hope and joy.



Makovicka to graduate from UNO

Amber Makovicka, daughter of George and Cynthia (Timothy) Makovicka of Columbus, Nebraska, and granddaughter of Ron and Nancy Timothy Sr. of Salem, will graduate from the University of Nebraska-Omaha on May 8, 2020, with a Master's Degree in Cyber Security. Amber was awarded the SMART Internship/Scholarship from the Department of Defense. After graduation, Amber will report to the Portland, Oregon office as a civilian worker.

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Cancer and COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak of 2020 caught many people, particularly those in the western hemisphere, off guard. As the virus spread, the lives of hundreds of millions of people throughout North America and Europe changed dramatically and seemingly overnight, prompting many to wonder if they or their loved ones were going to get sick.

No one was thought to be immune to COVID-19, though many people were unfortunately believed to be more vulnerable to the disease than others. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, older adults and people with serious chronic medical conditions are at the greatest risk of getting sick from COVID-19.

The American Cancer Society notes that cancer patients, like groups with an elevated risk of getting sick from COVID-19, must do all they can to avoid being exposed to the virus. That's because the immune systems of cancer patients, particularly those in active chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant patients, can be severely weakened. In fact, in March 2020 officials with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center warned that early data from China and Italy, two countries which experienced early and widespread outbreaks of the disease, indicated that cancer patients would be at increased risk of getting the virus.

Are all cancer patients at risk? Dr. Steve Pergam, the medical director of infection prevention at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, said that patients with blood malignancies are most at risk for COVID-19. Blood malignancies include non-Hodgkin lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, acute myeloid leukemia, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and multiple myeloma. While people with these forms of cancer may be most at risk of getting COVID-19, it's important to note that all cancer patients, including those who recently concluded treatment, are vulnerable. Those who concluded treatment should know that the aftereffects of treatment can linger long after treatment programs have ended, and those aftereffects may continue to compromise patients' immune systems.

What can cancer patients do to protect themselves from COVID-19?

Cancer patients should embrace the safety protocols recommended by the CDC, including social distancing measures and limiting direct contact with other people. Seniors in cancer treatment should take advantages of opportunities to limit their exposure to COVID-19, such as visiting grocery stores during seniors-only hours and opting to participate in digital religious services instead of in-person services. In addition, patients can work with their cancer care teams to devise ways to continue receiving treatment without elevating their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Cancer patients also may need to adjust their expectations in regard to visits with their physicians. Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the ACS noted that cancer patients may need to book virtual follow-up visits with their physicians or even delay preventative procedures aimed at reducing the likelihood of recurrence.

COVID-19 does not discriminate, but cancer patients may be among the most vulnerable to getting the virus. Learn more about cancer and COVID-19 at www.cancer.org.

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Don't be cheery! Some of the words are long, but I sprinkled in letters to help you fit them into the crossword.

Play On Words

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

1. A _____ word creates a word making it easier to say (acorns = pine)
2. word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards (eye)
3. name of words with the same starting sound (big dog) (cat)
4. words with the same letters, but moved around (set = rest)
5. words that resemble the sound they are making (saw, who, bang)
6. set of "opposite" words (jump = tramp, cool = proud)
7. Anecdotes of times or episodes in words (burry = merr = a burry factor)
8. a tongue _____ puts together words that are hard to say in a row (Peter Piper (picked) a pair of pecked pebbles)
9. an exaggerated statement (I died laughing)
10. putting two words together to make a new word (sawney + brandy = sawndy)
11. someone has the same ending sound, very cheery (A former head story of Ape, Ape, Ape, Ape)
12. giving human-like abilities to something non-human (the wind howled, the machine ran)
14. a word means what it really means (body hair/Theodore Roosevelt)
15. a clever question that needs thought as an answer. What base do you use for forming just give a stick in the wrong? (A, please)

Match each expression to its meaning:

1. most of the words
2. men of the word
3. get the word
4. play on words
5. turn it for acid

A. receive the message
B. to use words with more than one meaning in a joke
C. to keep quiet, secret
D. always the opposite
E. about 1/2 the way each

Dear Friend,

All the picnic tables, a fast pitch from the baseball pitcher breaks a pitcher, and the picnic flow into a warm pitch path that leads a hole in the sidewalk! A bowl of squash scattered off the table and squashed tomatoes is a tomato. After I clean the mess and the meal I will need a meal!

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P.S. Follow the numbers to see it.

Word Ex-Change!

You can make a play on words just by switching letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to think one of your own and share it with a friend.

1. Change the "m" to "n" and ask for "gn". **meal**
2. Add an "r" in this word and you'll find a word that cows and and what the propud are. **meat**
3. Change the first letter to "l" and you'll have small responses to my act. **lead**
4. Change the "n" to "l" and you'll see what a dog gave me as I was riding to. **leak**
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time reviewed further during the regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Sickle and approved by all present.
Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on the routine maintenance being done on county roads and bridges since the Board's previous meeting. Mr. Darveau informed the Board that per the Union Contract that he would be planning to begin a 10-hour workday Monday through Thursday for the summer season to begin May 15, 2020.

The Board met with Sheriff Hardesty and Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Merwin to review business within the Law Enforcement Center since the Board's last meeting. The discussion was held on implementing a hiring incentive for Nebraska Certified Law Enforcement officers in an effort to attract qualified candidates for the deputy positions and to avoid the added expense of training new hires.

After information received from the Nebraska Department of Corrections on the hiring bonus, the program was reviewed, a motion was made by Commissioner Caverzagie to approve the implementation of a hiring bonus of \$10,000 for a NE Certified Law Enforcement officer which will be paid to the employee over a three year period in increments of \$1,111.11 after successfully completing every four months of employment until the end of the three year period. Commissioner Frank seconded the motion and was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The motion was made by Frank to approve an agreement for a period of 1 year from April 21, 2020, through April 20, 2021, with Vigilnet for inmate monitoring equipment services outside of the confined jail facility. Caverzagie seconded that motion, and when the roll was called, it was approved by a 3-0 vote.

The motion was made by Caverzagie that due to the current Federal Disaster and Nebraska State of Emergency COVID-19 declared by Governor Ricketts and those circumstances that have caused the need for the Sheriff deputies to report for duty above the regularly scheduled workweek, to approve the carryover of up to 80 hours of vacation leave for one year and that if said vacation has not been able to be taken that the employee shall be paid for the carryover of 40 hours after the end of the employee's date of hire anniversary. Sickle seconded that motion. When roll was called, Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie, and Sickle all voted aye; and the motion carried.

Tyler Cooper, County Building Maintenance technician, reviewed further with the Board plumbing repairs that need to be addressed in the Courthouse building. No action was required.
Beckie Cromer of Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise presented to the Board, her regular quarterly report of the organization. In her report, Mrs. Cromer summarized the impact the Coronavirus has had on local employers, initiatives EDGE is taking to assist Falls City Mercantile to modernize and expand its facilities, initiatives to open an area along North Highway 73 for commercial development, steps being taken to extend utilities and streets to the new Champions Crossing subdivision, and to market the lots in the first phase of that development. A com-

plete summary of her remarks is included in a report elsewhere in today's newspaper on remarks she made when presenting the same report to members of the Falls City Council during its Mon., April 20, meeting.

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, informed the Board that the new generator would be connected on Friday, April 24, 2020, while the Courthouse is closed in observance of Arbor Day. When completely installed, the generator will be able to operate the entire Courthouse during a power outage.

County Clerk Mary L. Eickhoff requested approval from the County Board to allow payment for Election Poll workers to be set at \$11.00/hour for the 2020 elections. Poll workers will have many added responsibilities during this election year with the need to provide safe and disinfected areas for voters. Poll workers will be required to protect themselves as well by wearing masks at the polls.

The motion was made by Sickle to approve the pay of \$11.00/hour for the poll and election workers during the 2020 elections. Mo-

tion seconded by Caverzagie. When roll was called, Commissioners Frank, Caverzagie, and Sickle all voted aye, and the motion was approved.

Chairman Sickle asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to make comments at this time, but no one from the public responded.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the adoption of rules and regulations for the prevention of the spread of communicable disease, illness, or poisoning by the Southeast District Health Department and to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-44. That motion seconded by Frank. When roll was called, all three commissioners voted aye, and the motion was approved.

Commissioners adjourned their meeting after voting to allow the payment of all claims submitted prior to their meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The Board will meet next on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse, Room 202, Falls City, NE. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.



A while back, we went through our movie collection and pulled about 30 movies to watch while we are social distancing. It's a hearty mix of new and old, but the one thing that all have in common is the fact that they're 'light' and happy films. We all decided that we couldn't take any scary or sad movies right now. I decided to make a list of the films we're watching right now while being stuck inside.

This is by no means a list of the best films or my favorite movies, but a list of really great movies to get lost in when the world is scary and intense. We always watched a lot of films, but right now, having weeknights and weekends open, we are flying through them.

This is the second part of my list. I would love to hear what you're watching during the pandemic.

- 36) *Serial Mom* (1994) A seemingly sweet mother turns out to be a murderer. (Kathleen Turner)
- 37) *Show People* (1928) A lady goes to Hollywood to become a star (Marion Davies)
- 38) *Some Like it Hot* (1959) Two male musicians flee to Florida dressed as women to hide from the mob. (Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon)
- 39) *Speedy* (1928) A New Yorker saves the city's last horse-drawn carriage from extinction. (Harold Lloyd)
- 40) *Sunday in New York* (1962) A woman leaves her small town to visit her brother and has a chance encounter with a man on a bus. (Rod Taylor)
- 41) *Super Troopers* (2001) Five Vermont state troopers play pranks and lose their jobs. (Steve Lemme)
- 42) *Super Troopers 2* (2018) When a border dispute arises, the Super Troopers are put in charge of establishing a Highway Patrol. (Paul Soter)
- 43) *The Artist* (2011) A silent film star tries to acclimate to the talkies. (Jean Dujardin)
- 44) *Beerfest* (2006) A group of Americans compete against the Germans in underground beer

games. (Kevin Heffernan)

- 45) *The Graduate* (1967) A college graduate finds himself in an unexpected situation when he is seduced by Mrs. Robinson but his fun turns complicated when Benjamin falls for the one woman Mrs. Robinson demanded he stay away from, her daughter, Elaine.
- 46) *The Jerk* (1979) A simple-minded man leaves his home to live in the big city. (Steve Martin)
- 47) *The Patsy* (1928) A girl falls in love with her older sister's boyfriend and tries to get him to notice her. (Marion Davies)
- 48) *The Talk of the Town* (1942) A wrongly accused convict hides out in a professor's house, hoping he will help him. (Cary Grant and Jean Arthur)
- 49) *The Women* (1939) A woman gets cheated on and confides in her friends. (Norma Shearer and Joan Crawford)
- 50) *Orange County* (2002) An over-achieving high schooler doesn't get into the college of his choice. (Colin Hanks)
- 51) *Key Largo* (1948) A man visits his buddy's family hotel and ends up being held hostage during a hurricane. (Humphrey Bogart)
- 52) *Tootsie* (1982) Unsuccessful actor disguises himself as a woman to land a gig. (Dustin Hoffman)
- 53) *Under the Tuscan Sun* (2003) A newly divorced writer buys a Tuscan villa. (Diane Lane)
- 54) *Vegas Vacation* (1997) The Griswold family travels to Las Vegas. (Chevy Chase)
- 55) *Walk Don't Run* (1966) During a shortage of housing in Tokyo, two men and a woman share an apartment. (Cary Grant)
- 56) *When Harry Met Sally* (1989) A man and a woman who are friends avoid a romance so it won't ruin their friendship. (Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan)

City Council
A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of April, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Bindle called the meeting to order and Clerk Jean recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call

the following Council persons were present via video conference: Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. Absent: None. Notice of the meeting was given in advance through posting in three public places and (Falls City Utility Facebook and City website), a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All persons present were given notice while the convened meeting was available to the public by video conference. Mayor Bindle publicly stated to all attendees that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council member Merz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: WHEREAS, certain business of the City Council (Council) of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly expedite the business of the City; and WHEREAS, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the City Council that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Certificate of Posting Notice of the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Agenda. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the agenda for April 20, 2020 is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for March 2020 is hereby approved. 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Treasurer Report for March 2020 is hereby approved. 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Council that the Citizen-Advisory Review Committee, EDGE Executive Director, Beckie Cromer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

2020 EDGE 1ST QUARTER REPORT
Executive Director, Beckie Cromer presented the 2020 EDGE 1st Quarter Report to the Mayor and City Council. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Rhoad to approve the 2020 EDGE 1st Quarter Report. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO USE HUD EDI FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZEN ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE NORTH COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ROAD DESIGN AS REQUIRED BY NDOT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECKIE CROMER

A motion was made by Council member Leyden and seconded by Council member Wisdom to approve the requests to use HUD EDI funds for North Commercial Corridor Road Design as recommended by the Citizen-Advisory Review Committee. EDGE Executive Director, Beckie Cromer spoke. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO BUILD AN 8-FOOT METAL PRIVACY FENCE ON WEST 14TH STREET - JOY'S MACHINE SHOP & SUPPLY INC.

A motion was made by Council member Merz and seconded by Council member Froschell to approve an 8-foot metal privacy fence on West 14th Street at Joy's Machine Shop & Supply Inc. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO HIRE PART TIME SUMMER HELP FOR PAINTING AND OTHER MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Council member Ferguson and seconded by Council member Froschell to approve hiring 2 part-time summer positions. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN POPPE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR BINDLE

A motion was made by Council person Ractiff and seconded by Council person Holle to approve the appointment of Brian Poppe to the CRA as recommended by Mayor Bindle. Roll was called on this motion and the Council members voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Froschell, Holle, Leyden, Merz, Ractiff, Rhoad, Wisdom. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:21P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Mayor Bindle and Council on April 20, 2020, and all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in

the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn City Clerk
Shawna Bindle, Mayor

B.O.P.W.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 16, 2020
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16th day of April, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present (via video conference) were: Board Members: Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel, Absent: Albu. Ray Lathing recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all attendees that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

MINUTES
A motion was made by Bartek and seconded by Joy to approve the minutes for the April 2, 2020 regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Bartek to approve the April 16, 2020 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Albu, Bartek, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. Motion carried.

Electric System Upgrades - UPDATE - DISCUSSION
Utility Superintendent informed the Board that Probet Electric has completed the electric system upgrade project on Tuesday April 14, 2020. The project went very well with only a couple of very minor issues. Also the project had only a 2% change in charge orders which is excellent.

WTP CONTRACT - DISCUSSION
Utility Superintendent informed the Board that the bidding documents for equipment and procurement is published and due on April 28, 2020 at 11am in the Lincoln Olson office.

COVID-19 - UPDATE
Utility Superintendent informed the Board of current COVID-19 practices that the Utility is following.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:58P.M.
I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on April 16, 2020 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
Tom Bartek, Secretary
Merle Veigel, Chairman

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes Due
1st half due by April 30th
Delinquent first half payments will be charged interest starting May 1st, 2020 as per State Statute #77-204

*As of this notice being sent we are closed to the public - please utilize the mail, phone, online or dropbox on North Side of Courthouse to make applicable payments.

**Please include a phone number in case of questions

***When paying online the "check" option only charges \$1.00 whereas a credit/debit card will charge 2.25%

Amanda Bartek-Young
Richardson County Treasurer
1700 Stone St. Falls City, NE 68355
Office hours M-F 8:30 to 5:00
(402)245-3511
Taxes payable online at www.nco.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RICHARDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The Nebraska Democratic Party and the Richardson County Democratic Party hereby give notice that the County Convention will be held on the phone, due to the Coronavirus, on May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

All of the rules and forms governing the county convention process, including registration forms, are listed on the NDP website at https://nebraskademocrats.org/convention/.

At the county convention we elect local officers and delegates to the state convention where national convention delegates are also elected.

County Party Chair Douglas Mertz and State Party Chair Jane Kiehl look forward to your help in building the party at the local level.

Please call 402-434-2180 or email info@nebraskademocrats.org.

Paid for by the Nebraska Democratic Party, 3701 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510.

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF JOHN J. KRAUSE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 13 day of April, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Cynthia A. Krause, whose address is 4421 Lowell Ave, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 22, 2020 or be forever barred.

Neal E. Parsons, #13228 Attorney at Law 217 East 16th Street Falls City, Nebraska 68355 402-245-3088

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. TAYLOR, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2020, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Lee D. Taylor, whose address is 1103 Ridge Street, Dawson, NE was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 22, 2020 or be forever barred.

Nancy A. DeKlotz Clerk of the County Court 1700 Stone St Falls City, NE 68355 Frankmuser, Nelson, Wern, Ziskey & Merwin Box 126, 713 Fourth St, Humboldt, NE 68376 402-862-2321

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the Trustee under the Deed of Trust recorded on August 29, 2016, in Book 207, Page 155, in the Office of the Richardson County Register of Deeds will be selling the following-described property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, on the 14th day of May, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The property is legally described as follows:

Lot 3 in Block 1 in Holman Park Addition to the City of Humboldt, Richardson County, Nebraska.

DATED: March 25, 2020 By: Samantha K. Scheitel, #26389 Attorney for Frontier Bank For: Weaver & Mertz Law Office 1719 Stone St Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3015 1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of two amendments to the redevelopment plan of the City of Falls City, which amendments shall include specific redevelopment projects, and to amend the redevelopment plan to add Lot 3, TZ Addition and Lot 1C, Chelsea Addition, as legally described below, to the redevelopment area of Falls City.

The properties which are the subject of the first public hearing are described as follows:

Lots 1 through 7, 16B, and 17 through 24, all in Block 217, Original Town, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, Lot 3, TZ Addition, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, and Lot 1C, Chelsea Addition, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

The property which is the subject of the second public hearing is described as follows:

Lot 1A, Morehead-Stebbins Addition, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the amendments to the redevelopment plan. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the cost-benefit analysis for the proposed redevelopment projects shall be maintained at the Office of the City Clerk. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print or recorded materials please contact the City Clerk at the City Clerk's office.

Gary Jon, City Clerk 29-6

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that THE GOOD BITE, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 18 Sunset Drive, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. The initial agent for service of process for the Company is Jamie Milam, 18 Sunset Drive, Falls City, Nebraska 68355. This Company is member-managed, pursuant to its Operating Agreement. The nature of the Company is to engage in the general business, operation, control, and oversight of retail and wholesale manufacture and distribution of edible food, including baked products, for public consumption on or off the premises; food services; food decorating supplies; gifts; cooking, baking, and decorating classes and seminars; in person and virtually; live and recorded catering; and consulting. The Company commenced existence as of April 7, 2020, the date of filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of two amendments to the redevelopment plan of the City of Falls City, which amendments shall include specific redevelopment projects, and to amend the redevelopment plan to add Lot 3, TZ Addition and Lot 1C, Chelsea Addition, as legally described below, to the redevelopment area of Falls City.

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Gary Jon, City Clerk 22-29

Village of Shubert

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 6, 2020

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on April 6, 2020 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Gary Hays opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Kim Dunn, Linda Patchen and Will Surman called in. The meeting was presided over by Chairman. Chairman announced the Posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Board reviewed Tracy's report. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Hays/Dunn) to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Hays/Surman) to approve the balance sheets. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion Carried.

There was a Motion and Second (Hays/Surman) to approve the claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion Carried. General: Covid-19 The playground and park area was discussed. The park will not be closed or blocked off but signs limiting amount of children, and stating that the equipment has not been or will not be sanitized. Bathrooms will remain closed. Clean up Day: Motion and Second (Surman/Dunn) to save Falls City Sanitation provide dumpster for clean up. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion Carried. Clean up will be the last week in April. Mosquito Spraying: Motion and Second (Hays/Dunn) to approve cost of bi-weekly spraying. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion Carried. Water & Sewer: None. Wood & Brush pile: None. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Park: Five moving bids were accepted. Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to accept T.

Boresgos bid. Roll call vote was: Surman-yes, Dunn-no, Motion carried. Library: Stone under windows needs repair. Motion and Second (Hays/Surman) to accept bid for repair limestone window ledges. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion Carried.

Streets: Well road was discussed. Road east of the park was discussed. Patchen is going to get more information Fire: None.

The next public hearing will be Monday, May 4, 2020 at the Shubert Library at 7:00 p.m. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Dunn) to adjourn meeting at 7:54 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye". Motion carried. Jennifer Buchner Villages Clerk

Table with financial entries: Name, Amount, NPPD - Fire Barn, NPPD - Weather Siren, Hubert & Dunn, Jennifer Buchner, Frontier Bank, Sapp Bros. Inc., NPPD - Weather Siren, Falls City Journal, NPPD - Community Building, NPPD - Library, Sapp Bros. Inc., NPPD - Streets, Aaron Davis, Tracy Milke, Aaron Davis, City of Falls City, State of Nebraska PHEL, Davis PHE, Southeast Telephone Company, Paul Platter, Midwest Labs, Village of Shubert - USDA Account.

Table with financial entries: Falls City Sanitation Service, Nebraska Department of Revenue & Finance, NPPD - Wells, NPPD - Sewer.

City Council

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-003, this meeting will be held by video-tele-voice conference. Members of the public may attend this meeting electronically or telephonically.

Falls City Council Agenda City Council Chambers, 2307 Barada Street Falls City, NE 68355 Phone (402) 245-3707 May 4, 2020 6:00 P.M.

The City Council may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by State Law.

- ROUTINE BUSINESS 1. Announcement of Open Meetings Act. 2. Roll Call 3. Pledge of Allegiance. 4. Department Reports. 5. Mayor's Report. 6. CONSENT AGENDA 1. Minutes Approval for April 20, 2020. 2. Agenda Approval. 3. Claims Approval. 4. Consent Agenda. Any item listed on the Consent Agenda may, by the request of a single Council Member, be considered as a separate item under the Regular Agenda Session of the Agenda. OLD BUSINESS REGULAR BUSINESS ADJOURNMENT Gary Jon, City Clerk

PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 12, 2020 SAMPLE BALLOT RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Sample ballot grid for Richardson County, Nebraska, May 12, 2020. Includes sections for Republican Party, Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, Nonpartisan Republican, Nonpartisan Libertarian, Nonpartisan Democrat, and Nonpartisan. Lists candidates for various offices including President, US Senator, US Representative, County Commissioner, and County Clerk.

POLLING PLACES

Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Arago/Barada: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
FC Rural/Oho: Pritchard Auditorium 312 W 17th, Falls City.
FC Ward 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle, Falls City
FC Ward 2: Pritchard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City
FC Ward 3: Pritchard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City
FC Ward 4: Assembly of God Church, 6th & Reavis, Falls City
Franklin Humboldt Rural/Spieker: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St, Humboldt
Grant/Nemaha: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
Humboldt Ward I: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St, Humboldt
Humboldt Ward II: The Meeting Place, 718 3rd Street, Humboldt
Jefferson/Rulo: Rulo Library, Rulo village, may be entitled to vote a provisional ballot (NE \$32-915). Request this provisional ballot from the poll workers.
East Muddy: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
West Muddy/Porter Stella: Community Building, Stella
Salem: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)
Richardson County Clerk Mary L. Eckhoff

Executive Order No. 20-16 Coronavirus - Elections

Whereas, a state of emergency was proclaimed in Nebraska on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19; Whereas, social distancing and deliberately increasing the physical space between people decreases the likelihood of transmitting COVID-19; Whereas, most county offices, including county elections offices, are closed to the public at this time; Whereas, the reopening of these offices to the public on April 13, 2020, which is the scheduled date for the commencement of in-person early voting and registration, will increase a public health risk to both voters and to those officials who are required to mail out early voting ballots and to prepare for the opening of the polls on Election Day; Whereas, all citizens can register to vote online or by mail; and Whereas, all registered voters were mailed an application to request an early ballot and drop boxes were purchased for each county for the convenience of voters who can either mail their ballots to their county election office or drop the ballots in the drop boxes.

Now Therefore, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, do hereby waive specific statutes pertaining to the Election Act for the purpose of conducting the primary election.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

- 1. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-302 and § 32-311(1) are waived only to the extent that the statutes allow for in-person registration inside of county election offices; and
2. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-302 and § 32-943 are waived only to the extent that the statutes require county election offices to be open for individuals who do not require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device. All county election offices must continue to accommodate voters who require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device in order to independently, privately, and securely cast an early ballot, or voters who require an election official to physically assist in completion of their ballots. Voters requesting these accommodations may schedule an appointment with their local election office; and
3. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-940 are waived to the extent that those provisions require a county election office to be open for in-person business. Voters who qualify under this statute may schedule an appointment with their local election office; and
4. This waiver shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect through May 13, 2020.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed to this 7th day of April, 2020. Pete Ricketts, Governor State of Nebraska Robert B. Eymen, Secretary of State State of Nebraska

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

Any registered voter who changes his/her residence within the county or due to marriage has changed their name since registering to vote, may be entitled to vote a provisional ballot (NE \$32-915). Request this provisional ballot from the poll workers.

WRITE-INS: are allowed for those offices included on the ballot, which provide for a write-in. The oval must be blackened for a write-in vote to be counted. (NE \$32-1005)

ATTENTION: Please be advised

this is a sample ballot and because the law requires rotation of the candidate's names, the chronological order as listed may be different in your precinct. Some listed candidates are elected in specific districts; some names listed in this sample ballot may not appear on the ballot in your precinct.

ARSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RICHARDSON COUNTY CLERK BY 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020. TO BE VALID AND COUNTED. (NE \$32-950)



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HELP WANTED

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
JOB OPENING

Position: Farm Laborer for our cattle and crop operation. This position will report to the Farm Manager. Hours will be Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Qualifications/Experience: A degree in Agriculture is preferred but not required. Applicant must have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record. Applicant must be able to pass a drug screen and background check.

Job Requirements: This position may require you to work nights, weekends and holidays. Job duties will consist of planting, harvesting, fertilizing crops at appropriate times, maintaining cowherd, fencing, and equipment including repairs. All other job duties may be assigned.

Benefits: Paid health, life, dental, vision insurance, 401K with up to 3% company match, paid holidays, accrued vacation and sick time.

Wage: Negotiable depending on experience.

To apply: Visit <https://www.iowatribeofkansassandnebraska.com/job-openings> for applications. Completed applications can be mailed to 3345 B Thrasher Rd White Cloud KS 66094 or e-mailed to colborn@iowas.org by 4:30 pm on 5/05/2020. Native American Preference is given (BIA Form 4432). For more information regarding this position, please call Chyenne Colborn at 785-595-3258.

JOB OPENINGS
The Nemaha County Hospital
has the following open positions:

- **Home Care Registered Nurse - Full-time / Full-time** Must be a licensed RN in the state of Nebraska and have a valid driver's license. Full-time benefits available.
- **UNIT COORDINATOR/NURSING ASSISTANT - Full-time** position available. 7pm to 7 am shift, includes every third weekend. Competitive wage with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits plan.
- **Staff RN - Full-time Registered Nurse, 12-hour shift, 7pm-7am, working every third weekend. Must have a Nebraska license. Competitive wage with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits plan.**

Apply online at <http://www.nemahacountyhospital.com>
Call Some Shopp 402-245-2431 with any questions
EOE Employer/Disabled

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL
2022 13th STREET - AUBURN, NE 15-18

HOUSEKEEPER
Community Medical Center, Falls City, NE is looking for a hard-working, motivated individual to join our team as a Housekeeper. This is for a full-time evening shift position. The housekeeping associate cleans, sanitizes and maintains the appearance throughout the Hospital. Responsibilities include cleaning patient rooms, public areas, restrooms and offices while ensuring that proper infection control and safety procedures are followed. CMC offers competitive wages, including shift differential pay, and outstanding benefits. If interested, please apply online at www.cmcf.org. EOE

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT
RICHARDSON COUNTY

Richardson County is accepting applications for a seasonal employment position(s) from June through August, 2020 as a general laborer in the County Road and Bridge Department and County Building Maintenance. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. Application forms can be obtained on the Richardson County website www.co.richardson.ne.us.

Richardson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FOR SALE

Corfed Angus beef, sold in 1/4's and 1/2's. For information call Mark Bippes at 402-245-3769 or Jack's Processing, 402-245-3506. 12-17

FOR RENT

Furnished Apt. for rent, utilities included. References & deposit required. 402-245-7029. 50-ff

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- One person may be designated as a support person to visit and support an admitted patient during non-respiratory admission.
- Minor patients will be allowed 1 parent or guardian, who must be screened and abide by hospital policy.
- Everyone entering the hospital and clinic are being screened.
- Patients for clinics, therapy, imaging, lab, etc. should come alone, unless assistance is needed.
- All non-urgent services are postponed to preserve capacity.
- Meals are no longer available to the general public.
- We are working closely with local, state and federal officials and agencies.
- Questions?
- Visit the CDC website or call CMC, 402-245-2428 or Family Medicine Clinic, 402-245-4475 or the DHHS COVID Information line, 402-552-6645.

Our teamwork and proactive measures will help keep our community safe and healthy.

FALLS CITY CARE CENTER
It's critical we take every precaution possible during the COVID-19 outbreak to prevent the virus from entering our center. Protecting our residents' health and safety is our top priority! We have no confirmed or suspected cases of the COVID-19 at this time.
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